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SUBJ: CYPRUS SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE IN FRANKFURT

OCTOBER 29-31

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1. THE THREE-DAY CYPRUS SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE HELD
IN FRANKFURT FROM OCTOBER 29-31 WAS DECIDEDLY A
LEFT-WING CLAMBAKE WHICH AS FAR AS FRANKFURT IS
CONCERNED RECEIVED VERY LITTLE BUT SKEPTICAL
ATTENTION. NOTWITHSTANDING THE SIZABLE
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TURKISH POPULATION IN THE AREA NO INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED.

2. THE ORGANIZERS CLAIMED THAT OVER 400 PARTICIPANTS FROM 45 COUNTRIES ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE BUT WE BELIEVE THIS FIGURE TO BE ON THE HIGH SIDE. THE BETTER KNOWN PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED ANDREAS PAPANDREOU, LADY FLEMING, MALINA MERCOURI AND FORMER POLISH PRIME MINISTER CYRANKIEWICZ. PRINCIPAL GERMAN PARTICIPANTS WERE PROF. WOLFGANG ABENDROTH, AS WELL AS PROF. ERNST BLOCH, RENATE RIEMECK, INGEBOG DREWITZ AND MARTIN NIEMOELLER. MOST OF THE GERMANS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE SO-CALLED GERMAN PEACE UNION. REPRESENTING MAKARIOS WAS VASSOS LYSSARIDES AMONG OTHERS NAMED IN NICOISIA 3373. CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR PANAYIDES CAME DOWN FROM BONN AND DELIVERED A BRIEF AND MODERATE STATEMENT TO THE GATHERING.

3. THE NUMEROUS SPEECHES AT THE CONFERENCE WERE DIRECTED PRIMARILY AGAINST THE TURKS. THERE WERE HOWEVER THE USUAL ATTACKS AGAINST THE "IMPERIALISTS" WHOSE ALLEGED DESIRE TO CONTROL THE STRATEGIC ISLAND OF CYPRUS FOR THEIR EVIL PLANS FOR WAR AND DOMINATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND MEDITERRENEAN WAS ALSO HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CURRENT SITUATION IN CYPRUS. DIRECT REFERENCES TO THE UNITED STATES WERE RELATIVELY RARE WHICH ACCORDING TO PRESS SPECULATION IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO A DESIRE BY THE GOC TO AVOID UNNECESSARY OFFENSE TO THE U.S. THIS DID NOT PREVENT ROMESH CHANDRA, PRESIDENT OF THE SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE, TO CLAIM THAT "CYPRUS IS A LYNCH PIN IN THE PLANS OF UNITED STATES IMPERIALISM FOR THE ENTIRE REGION...". NOT SURPRISINGLY PROF. GUNTER BARTHEL FROM LEIPZIG'S KARL MARX UNIVERSITY ALSO SINGLED OUT THE U.S. AS THE LEADER OF THE CAPITALIST OBSTRUCTIONISTS AND THE PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR TENSIONS IN THE AREA. NONE OF THE PRINCIPAL CYPRIOT SPEAKERS INCLUDING PANAYIDES,

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LYSSARIDES AND LOUKIS LOUCAIDES PLAYED THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST OR ANTI-U.S. LINE, EMPHASIZING INSTEAD THE PLIGHT OF REFUGEES AND THE ALLEGED MISDEEDS OF THE TURKISH FORCES ON THE ISLAND. LEHMANN

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